



## **No REDD Rice Manifesto**

***No WTO! No REDD!***

***No to using Rice for Carbon Markets!***

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We, the undersigned Indigenous Peoples, peasants, fisherfolks, immigrants, women, youth, cooks and civil society of the world gathered in Bali to protest the WTO, know that rice is a sacred staple crop which feeds billions of peoples worldwide. We, who courageously resist efforts to impose the use of genetically modified so-called "Golden Rice" of Monsanto, now unite to defend rice from being used as a part of capitalism of nature and carbon markets - "REDD Rice".

Since 2007, the United Nations, World Bank and fossil fuel polluters like Shell and Chevron and mining company Rio Tinto, have been pushing a carbon trading regime called REDD<sup>i</sup> (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation). REDD uses agricultural land, soils, forests and tree plantations as sponges for greenhouse gas emissions. Now these climate polluters want to use rice as an offset for their pollution instead of reducing emissions at source. Market-based solutions for addressing the climate crisis are a false solution.

We do not want our rice paddies or rice beds to be excuses for more pollution which causes global warming and typhoons. For peasant farmers, REDD+ constitutes a worldwide counter-agrarian reform and perverts the task of growing food into "farming carbon." The UN and northern industrialized countries have introduced other false solutions to climate change such as "Climate-Smart Agriculture". In Africa, where climate-smart carbon credit projects are being promoted, peasant farmers are starting to resist the use of their lands and soil for carbon sequestration, which is a carbon market scheme of capitalism. These new soil carbon markets are opening the door for more GMO crops and land grabs.

"Climate-ready" seeds and other supposed GMO climate fixes like "REDD Rice" are just more attempts of the biotech industry and agribusiness to deform, patent and control our seeds, grab our fields, privatize our soils and turn us into landless, indentured servants of capitalism.

Slated for next spring 2014, California may include rice cultivation as carbon offsets in its climate change law known as California's Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32). The proposed rice cultivation offset protocol will pretend to reduce emissions through a cropland agricultural protocol using for the first time, a BIO-GEO-CHEMICAL model, which supposedly "emulates" soil processes. One of the methods for supposedly cutting emissions is to replace wet seedlings with dry seedlings. This will include growing GMO rice and the use of genetically modified "soil nutrients."

China and California would be working with biotechnology companies that would privatize, patent and sell genes that supposedly allow rice plants to use less fertilizer. As part of economic globalization, this gene-knowledge and rice offsets would be sold to the highest bidder to meet their emissions reduction targets on the emerging global market for carbon credits.

If applied on a massive scale, genetically modified REDD Rice could contaminate rice farmers' lands and seeds with enormous adverse environmental, social and cultural consequences.

- **No to Privatization and Commodification of Rice!**
- **No WTO of our RICE!**
- **No WTO of Nature, Food and Life!**
- **NO REDD Rice!**

Honoring our martyrs who have fallen for defending our land and territories, we commit to defend rice as Life and part of our movement for food sovereignty. We oppose using rice as part of the carbon market. We oppose the corporate genetic manipulation of our rice. We oppose the Green "Greed" Economy being pushed by the WTO that privatizes Nature as "environmental goods and services". Defend our Mother Earth and say NO! to the trading of Life and the air that we breathe and the food that we eat.

**Sign-ons from over a 125 organizations in 30 countries**

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1. Indigenous Environmental Network
2. La Via Campesina – Indonesia, Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI)
3. WAHLI National
4. Indonesian Peoples Alliance – Northern Sumatra
5. GRI – Indonesian Peoples' Movement
6. GRAIN
7. JAPI - Indonesia
8. FMN Surabaya
9. Sevalanka Foundation – Sri Lanka
10. South Asia Alliance for Poverty Reduction (SAAPE) - Nepal
11. No REDD in Africa Network
12. Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on Climate Change against REDD and for Life
13. Amigos da Terra Brasil
14. JA! Justiça Ambiental/Friends of the Earth – Mozambique
15. Innabuyog – Regional Alliance of Indigenous Women – Cordillera, Philippines
16. Regional Formation of Indigenous Peoples – Kalumaran – Mindanao
17. Gerakan Mahasiswa Nasional (GMN Borneo) – Indonesia, Borneo

18. Front Mahasiswa Nasional
19. Humanitarian Action - Indonesia
20. Baffel – Indonesia
21. The Rules
22. Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism
23. UE local 255, Vermont, USA
24. SANIPLAN, Baltimore, USA
25. Southwest Workers' Union, San Antonio, Texas
26. Grassroots International
27. Ironbound Community Corporation, New Jersey, USA
28. Timberwatch, South Africa
29. Carbon Trade Watch
30. COECOCEIBA - Amigos de la Tierra Costa Rica
31. Asociación ANDES, Peru
32. Global Justice Ecology Project
33. Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

34. Dewan Adat Papua Organización Indígena Wayuu Maikiralaasali, Venezuela
35. PUSAKA, Jakarta
36. Censat Agua Viva Colombia
37. Indigenous Peoples' Biocultural Climate Change Assessment's (IPCCA) REDD+ Working Group
38. Asian Pacific Environmental Network
39. Movement Generation, USA
40. Labor/Community Strategy Center and Bus Riders Union - Los Angeles, USA
41. Food & Water Watch
42. Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Nigeria
43. AKSI – gender, social and ecological justice – Indonesia
44. Women Solidarity for Human Rights – Indonesia
45. SPKS : Serikat Petani Kelapa Sawit (Oil Palm Smallholders Union)
46. WALHI - Central Kalimantan
47. Corner House, UK
48. Just Transition Alliance, USA
49. INDIES, Indonesia
50. WAHLI NTT
51. KSBSI
52. Agra Indonesia
53. GSBI
54. Anak Bayan-USA
55. SERUNI
56. AKTI – Indonesia
57. Sinak Bayan – Philippines
58. Agra Sulawesi
59. COUREG, Philippines
60. ATKI – Taiwan
61. Sawit Watch
62. PB-PMII
63. RAG - Indonesia
64. ABMM – Hong Kong
65. WAHLI – Northern Sumatra, Indonesia
66. Earth in brackets
67. Migrants Rights International (MRI)
68. PKSK - Philippines
69. FIELD -Farmer's Initiatives for Ecological Livelihoods and Democracy – Indonesia
70. KRUHA – Indonesia
71. Woman Health Philippines
72. Taiwan Farmer Union
73. SBMI (Migrant Workers Union)
74. Swarna Hansa Foundation- Sri Lanka
75. Friends of the Earth - Latin America and the Caribbean

76. Chinese Progressive Association, San Francisco, USA
77. Yayasan Petak Danum, Indonesia
78. Rainforest Resource & Development Centre, Nigeria
79. Justice in Nigeria Now! (JINN)
80. Koalisi Anti Utang (KAU), Indonesia
81. Greenpeace Southeast Asia-Indonesia
82. Lembaga Pengkajian dan Pemberdayaan Masyarakat (LP2M) Padang, Sumatera Barat – Indonesia
83. Yayasan Wisnu, Bali – Indonesia
84. Sarekat Hijau Indonesia, Indonesia
85. Satu Dunia, Jakarta - Indonesia
86. Konsorsium Pembaruan Agraria (KPA)
87. Koalisi Anti Utang, Jakarta – Indonesia
88. Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo (PIDHDD) - Ecuador
89. Acción Ecológica – Ecuador
90. Project EJOLT - Environmental Justice Organizations, Liabilities and Trade (ICTA-UAB) - Spain
91. Aliança RECOs – Redes de Cooperação Comunitária Sem Fronteiras - Brazil
92. Movimento Mulheres pela PAZ! – Brazil
93. CEEweb for Biodiversity – Hungary
94. Unidad Ecológica Salvadoreña- UNES – El Salvador
95. Campaña Mesoamericana de Justicia Climática (CMJC)– El Salvador
96. Biofuelwatch –US/UK
97. Quantic Association – Romania
100. Friends of the Siberian Forest – Russia
101. Africando – Canary Islands, Spain
102. CESTA FOE El Salvador
103. Nicaragua Center for Community Action (NICCA), California, USA
104. MADGE Australia Inc.
105. Center for Environment, Bosnia and Herzegovina
106. World Rainforest Movement, Uruguay
107. Finance & Trade Watch Austria, a platform of Austrian NGOs - ECA Watch, Attac, FIAN, DKA, ÖBV- Vía Campesina, Forum Fair Trade, amongst others
108. Global Forest Coalition
109. Alliance for Global Justice, USA
110. Focus on Global South
111. Re: Common, Italy
112. Both ENDS, The Netherlands
113. Indonesia Civil Society Forum for Climate Justice (CSF-CJI)
114. Red de Coordinación en Biodiversidad, Costa Rica
115. Corporación Ambiental CORPOECOAMBIENTAL, Colombia
116. Humanistas por la Salud
117. Comisión Ecuánica de Derechos Humanos, CEDHU, Ecuador
118. Bangladesh Krishok Federation, Bangladesh
119. International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation"
120. Organización Foperma- Foro Permanente Ambiental- Neuquén- Argentina
121. Corporate Europe Observatory
122. Fédération Nature & Progrès, France

- 123. Observatorio Petrolero Sur, Argentina
- 124. FOBOMADE, Bolivia
- 125. Fundación Caósmosis
- 126. KTS, USA

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<sup>i</sup> REDD is a global initiative to create a financial value for the carbon stored in forests to compensate governments and companies or owners of forests in developing countries not to cut their carbon-rich forests or to reduce their rate of deforestation and forest degradation as a market mechanism to avoid GHG emissions. REDD+ (plus) expands REDD to develop methods for carbon sequestration through forest, wetlands, agricultural systems, soil, carbon stocks, “sustainable management of forests” (logging) and “enhancement of forest carbon stocks” in developing countries.